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## The President's Pen

By David Adcock, KA4KKF

This is August and it's time to help our furry friends again. Well it's been a hot summer this year. Field day was great but hot. Did you have fun, I did. See our activity manager for details about the following events.

The first event is a special event station at the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 690 Annual Biplane Classic Fall Air Fair. This event will be on October 7th at the EAA hanger at Briscoe Field in Lawrenceville.



We'll need to set up the tower and a one or more rigs for the station.

The other event is what we are calling the Fall Radio Festival and will be held on October 21st. This event is going to combine several events that

we've done in the past year. This is the same weekend as the Boy Scout

Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) so we'll invite the local scout groups to come out and participate.

This event is also going to replace the annual club picnic so we'll be grilling some burgers and hot dogs and have some activities around that as well.

I want to thank AD4PZ for his work with the GARZETTE

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## GARS By-Laws

Part 1

### A. Purposes, Policy

A.1. The objectives of the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society, hereafter called GARS, shall be the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio, and public service, the advancement of the radio art, the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct among radio amateurs, the promotion of allied activi-

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**A special public THANK YOU** to David, KD4HNN, and Darren, KG4DMX/AE, for their time and sweat on Saturday, July 22. These fine folks and I installed a new locking cabinet and added additional bonding and grounding cabling to the Goshen Road remote receiver and link site. The three of us made short work of the project and had a few chuckles while doing the chores. When you see these two folks, how about just telling them thanks for the help.

GARS has plenty of volunteer openings which cover many, many areas, from running the club to working a dog show. Yeah I know everybody is hounding the membership for volunteers to do just about everything now days. How about considering to NOT feel guilty for NOT volunteering for everything, just pick a something or a couple somethings to help out on and feel proud that you did do something to help the club along.

This is not a sermon nor was it meant to be, but just a plea -- If everyone grabs a little something, a whole lot will get done. Anyway, Thank You David and Darren for a job well done. Just in time too, right before the lightningfilled storms hit that night and Sunday. 73, Mike, K4HBI



## Editor's Desk

It has been my pleasure to set the newsletter since February. There have been many lessons I've learned since I last held this position for a group in another state. Software has changed, printing has changed, delivery has changed. Overall it has been an education. I am sorry to announce that due to changes in the way the newsletter must be edited and printed, and due to changes in my work, (My company was "Merged" with a large Fortune 500 company, and there was in essence a 100% downsize.) next month will be the last month I can possibly type set the newsletter. I will work with the new editor for a smooth transition.

## NEW HAM!

**Congratulations** to Thomas "Sonny" Cocker of Monroe, GA. Sonny was a participant in the GARS hosted Technician class at Central Gwinnett High School. Sonny's new call sign is **KG4IWL**. Listen for Sonny on the air!



# The President's Pen

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KA4KKF  
over the last few years. Joe has done a wonderful job for GARS. Thank you, Joe.

We're at a crossroads now about getting the GARZETTE printed so if you receive it late, please bear with us till we get things settled. Sometimes things move slow when new people take over the reins of the new job.

Things are changing at the ARRL and the FCC. Are you a member of the ARRL? If you are then you get QST every month. It keeps you up to date on what's happening.

The year is flying by so fast. It is almost gone. Hope to see everyone at one of the events this fall. I'll be in Alaska in August with my HT.

Hope to see you in September.

73,

David

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ties, and the encouragement of family participation in amateur radio activities.

A.2. It shall be the policy of GARS to support other amateur radio groups with kindred objectives.

## B. Membership

B.1. Any person regardless of race, creed, national origin, or religious affiliation, and having an interest in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership in GARS.

1. Full voting membership shall be available to recognized licensed amateur radio operators.
2. Non-voting associate membership shall be available to other applicants.
3. Associate members who become licensed amateurs shall, upon proper application, receive full membership privileges.

B.2. Application for membership shall be submitted to the membership committee on a special form provided for that purpose. Each such application shall be accompanied by dues as specified in section F. of these bylaws. The committee shall act upon each application at that present club meeting or at the following club meeting. Applications approved by the membership committee shall be voted upon by the GARS membership at that present meeting, a majority of the members present being required for acceptance. If the voting is unfavorable, the application and dues shall be returned. A rejected applicant may reapply ninety (90) days following the rejection and this application must be presented at a club meeting along with the recommendations of the committee.

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# July Meeting Minutes

Howie Gould W9HG Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Adcock at 7:45 Local time

Officers present were President, Adcock (KA4KKF) Treasurer, Drescher (K4HS) Activities Manager Chapman (K4WEC) and Secretary Gould (W9HG).

Introductions were made at this time and President Adcock welcomed all members and visitors.

June meeting minutes were accepted and approved.

Treasurer's report Drescher (K4HS) gave 6, 836.00 as the balance in the treasury

Activities Manager Chapman (K4WEC) gave a report on the upcoming dog show, which is a fundraiser for the GARS and asked for volunteers on the following dates. August 25, 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>

Volunteers are needed for two shifts and a minimum of 25 per shift is needed. Call Ike Chapman or Marty Fowler to be added to the volunteer list.

Activities Manager Chapman (K4WEC) reported that this year again the GARS would support the fly in sponsored by EAA at Briscoe Field Lawrenceville. A HF station will be on the air with the club call and all volunteers are asked to call Ike Chapman.

Activities Manager Chapman

(K4WEC) reported that the club annual picnic will not be held this year and in its place will be a Fall Radio Festival that will combine other events taking place of which there is little detail at this time. He indicated that he was looking for a committee to head this up and all volunteers are welcome.

Net Manager Susan (AF4FO) reported a decline in net activity caused by the summer heat and vacations but expected things to pick up again when cooler weather sets in. At this time Mike (K4HBI) informed the members that Susan had been appointed ARRL ACC (Affiliated Club Coordinator) and a round of applause was given. She mentioned that she had not seen GARS listed as a Special Services Club and David (KA4KKF) said he would follow up on getting the club filed properly.

Repeater Chairman Eddie (WD4JEM) gave a report on the failure of one of the controllers located at the Goshen Springs link being hit by lightning but the GARS had a spare controller to put on line and that Mike (K4HBI) the link coordinator will be working at the link putting in a new cabinet and grounding. A report on the 440 expansion indicated that as soon as certain work crews not yet committed could install the

equipment and a written agreement at Joan Glancy Hospital signed, the forward progress will depend on the volunteer efforts of the group at large. There was a small discussion at this time with a few members about the plans.

Continuing with non related repeater matters Eddie (WD4JEM) asked for volunteers at a Kayaking event to be held at Lake Lanier August 8 thru August 12<sup>th</sup>.

President Adcock informed the club that the GARS received a letter from the ARC Chairman of the Atlanta Hamfest ( Charles Golden) and- that a check for \$259.00 was issued to the GARS for their participation in the Hamfest. The letter indicated that they were most appreciative of the GARS helping out and looked forward to future participation by the GARS.

The program was introduced by President Adcock.

Ike Chapman (K4WEC) gave a program on Field Day wrap up which showed club totals in all categories. A complete summary of this report can be found at the GARS web site  
<http://www.gars.org>.

President Adcock informed the members that a storage box had been purchased for club property



## Minutes, continued...

and that it was located on Victor Gann's (W4VEG) property in Lawrenceville and that a committee was needed to maintain the property. A request for volunteers was asked for but no response.

President Adcock asked for a committee to go over the crank up tower to clean it up and repair any weak parts that may be evident. Beverly (KE4VDI) volunteered to Chair with Joe (AD4PZ) Co-Chair.

President Adcock indicated that Bennie (KT4VV) volunteered to loan a trailer to the GARS for use of hauling property around.

President Adcock gave commendations to Joe (AD4PZ) for his many years of service to the club especially with the production of the Garzette the club newsletter. Joe is stepping down because of increased work related advancements but Larry (W4LJT) has indicated that he may have some good news for the club in that he may be able to work out something with Joe so that the club can avoid a commercial printing of the Garzette.

Drawings were held for two \$25.00 HRO gift certificates awarded to Harry (KG4FBO) and Larry (N8IAA)

President Adcock adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted  
Howie Gould W9HG Secretary

## JOB WANTED!!

Job wanted for a hard working HAM!

Mike WA4MJZ

Contact Mike at 770.466.2553

Evenings until 10 PM



## Steven Wright Quips

"Do you think that when they asked George Washington for ID that he just whipped out a quarter?"

"I got a new shadow. I had to get rid of the other one because it wasn't doing what I was doing."

"Yesterday while walking through the woods, I saw a rabbit standing in front of a candle making shadows of people on a tree."

"There's a fine line between fishing and standing on the shore looking like an idiot."

"There's a pizza place near where I live that sells only slices... in the back you can see a guy tossing a triangle in the air."

"Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time."

"I'm writing a book. I've got the page numbers done."

"I'm so tired...I was up all night trying to round off infinity."

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## **Metro Atlanta Club Meetings**

### **First Tuesday**

#### **Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers**

Old Hickory House  
5490 Chamblee/Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody  
Dutch dinner is at 6:30 PM, followed by meeting.  
Talk In 145.410(-)

### **Kennehoochee ARC**

First United Methodist Church in Marietta  
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM  
Talk In 146.880(-)

### **First Thursday**

#### **Atlanta Radio Club**

American Red Cross Building, Lindberg Plaza  
Meeting is at 7:30 PM  
Talk In -146.820(-)

### **N.E. Georgia ARC**

Jefferson Civic Center  
Off of Memorial Dr. toward Winder from Jefferson  
Meeting is at 6:30 PM  
Talk In - 147.225(+)

### **Second Wednesday**

#### **North Fulton Amateur Radio League**

Ryan's Steak House  
Alpharetta Highway (Hwy 9), Alpharetta  
Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 145.47(-)

### **Second Thursday**

#### **Alford Memorial Radio Club**

Killian Hall, Killian Hill Road  
Lilburn  
Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 146.760(-)

### **Second Saturday**

#### **East Atlanta LAN**

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church  
Dunwoody  
Meeting is at 10:00 AM  
Talk In - 145.410(-) and 443.025(+)

### **Third THURSDAY**



#### **Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society**

Central Baptist Church  
Gwinnett Drive  
Lawrenceville  
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall.  
Talk In -147.075(+) and 444.525(+)



## **Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule**

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions.

### **First Sunday**

#### **WCARS VEC**

2:00 PM

(Except July and September)

Johnson High School  
3305 Poplar Springs RD, Gainesville  
Terry Jones, W4TL (770)967-6364

### **First Saturday**

9:00AM

Clayton County Emergency  
Management Building  
7496 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro  
George White, KN4NG (770)361-6850

### **Second Tuesday**

7:00PM

Walton EMC  
3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville  
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA  
(770)498-7759

### **Second Saturday**

CA VEC

8:30 AM

Stone Mountain Methodist Church  
5312 West Mountain St.  
Stone Mountain  
Hal Martin, KI4RD  
(770)978-9160

### **Third Saturday**

CA VEC

9:00AM

Marietta First United Methodist Church  
Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave  
Marietta  
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ  
(770)955-3171

### **Fourth Tuesday**

ARRL VEC

7:00 PM

United Way Service Center  
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville  
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK  
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### **Fourth Friday**

W5YI VEC

7:00 PM

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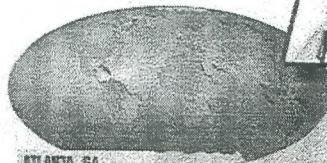
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444.525(+) MHz  
82.5 PL

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## Upcoming Events

*Committee Chairs:*

*Lets fill this feature with dates and events to keep GARS members looking ahead!*



**January 2000**

Meeting Feature:  
Special Event

**February 2000**

Dog Show  
Club Elections

**March 2000**

11 Tech Fest  
16 Metro Crime Force

**April 2000**

20 GARS Meeting  
29 Scout Expo  
29 March of Dimes

**May 2000**

18 GARS Meeting  
Field Day Preparation

**June 2000**

15 GARS Meeting

**24-25 Field Day**

**July 2000**

20 GARS Meeting  
Special Event

**August 2000**

17 GARS Meeting  
Special Event

**September 2000**

21 GARS Meeting  
Special Event

**October 2000**

19 GARS Meeting  
Special Event

**November 2000**

16 GARS Meeting  
Special Event

**December 2000**

GARS Christmas Party